

SHUKLA): (a) and (b). No such proposal has been received from the State Government. A request was, however, received from the Government of West Bengal for financing the Teesta Barrage Project on a 50:50 basis. The request was not found acceptable by the Planning Commission.

Construction of Post Building at Banta in Orissa

5776. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banta Sub-Post Office building in the District Balasore, Orissa has since been under construction since 1983-84;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in completion of its construction; and

(c) the amount sanctioned and amount utilised till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Banta sub Post Office building in the district of Balasore in Orissa State has been under construction since 1987-88.

(b) There was some dispute regarding the demarcation of the land, which has been settled. The construction work will restart soon after the possession is made over as per the revised demarcation.

(c) The total estimated cost for which sanction has since been issued is Rs. 15,50,540/- and amount utilised till date is 1,99,356/-.

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Over payment of foreign allowance to officials of Indian embassy in Washington

5777. SHRI BH. VIJAYAKUMAR RAJU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any over-payment of Foreign Allowance was made to the officials of the Indian Embassy, Washington and Consulates General at New York and San Francisco;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. There was some over-payment of foreign allowance to the officials in Missions at Washington, San Francisco and New York while disbursing in 1989.

(b) The over-payment resulted from wrong calculations at the time of the payment of salaries during 1989. Details are as follows:

<i>Mission</i>	<i>No. of Officers</i>	<i>Total Amount of Over-Payment</i>
1	2	3
Washington	18	2,44,843.68
San Francisco	1	15,202.80
New York	14	2,85,575.31